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SUBJ: CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM REGARDING HIS
CONVERSATION WITH TANZANANIA PRESIDENT NYERERE

REF: A) CANBERRA 1698 B) CANBERRA 1709

1. IN CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER WHITLAM MAR 21, HE TOLD
ME HE AND NYERERE HAD AGREED NOT TO GET INTO CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES
OR ATTEMPT TO EXPLAIN INTERNAL MATTERS DURING NYERE'S CURRENT
VISIT. WHITLAM SAID THERE ARE NO PLANS TO ISSUE JOINT STATEMENT
AT CONCLUSION OF VISIT.

2. PRIME MINISTER HAD NOT HEARD NYERERE'S ADDRESS OR ANSWERS
TO QUESTIONS POSED DURING THE NATIONAL PRESS CLUB LUNCHEON
MAR 21 (REF A). NYERERE HAD SUGGESTED GOA SUPPORT FOR (A) NAMIBIA,
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(B) GUINEA BISSAU, AND (C) PROPOSITION THAT AUSTRALIAN

AIRCRAFT CEASE TO FERRY PORTUGUESE TROOPS TO PORTUGUESE
TIMOR.

3. WHITLAM RESPONDED AS FOLLOWS:

(A) ON NAMIBIA, WE INFORMED NYERERE THAT GOA SUPPORTS PROTEST TO SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT BY AMERICAN AMBASSADOR IN SOUTH AFRICA ABOUT RECENT ARREST OF NAMIBIAN INDEPENDENT LEADERS. NYERERE REPORTEDLY RESPONDED THAT IT IS UNLIKELY SOUTH AFRICA WILL ALLOW ANY UN GROUP TO VISIT NAMIBIA. WHITLAM NOTED SOUTH AFRICA HAS RECENTLY REFUSED ALLOWING SUCH A GROUP INTO THE COUNTRY. WHITLAM ALSO SAID THAT NYERERE EXPECTED ANGOLA, SOUTHERN RHODESIA AND MOZAMBIQUE TO "CRACK" UNDER PRESSURE OF INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENTS, BUT THAT NYERERE FORESEES NO POSSIBILITY THAT SOUTH AFRICAN CONTROL OVER ITS AREA WILL BE LESSENED IN NEAR FUTURE.

(B) ON GUINEA BISSAU, WHITLAM SAID AUSTRALIA COULD BE CONSIDERED "TECHNICALLY" TO HAVE ALREADY ACCEPTED INDEPENDENCE OF THIS AREA FROM PORTUGAL. IN THIS CONNECTION, HE STATED THAT AUSTRALIA'S AFFIRMATIVE VOTE IN THE UN SOME MONTHS AGO SUPPORTED A RESOLUTION WHICH SEPARATED METROPOLITAN PORTUGAL FROM ITS AFRICAN DEPENDENCIES. AUSTRALIA HOWEVER WAS NOT LIKELY TO EXTEND RECOGNITION TO GUINEA BISSAU UNLESS THERE WAS SOME BREAK IN THE WESTERN EUROPEAN GROUP (WEO) IN THE UN. WHITLAM STATED THAT IF THE DUTCH AND BELGIANS SHOULD RECOGNIZE GUINEA BISSAU, AUSTRALIA WOULD ALSO.

(C) ON THE SUBJECT OF FERRYING PORTUGUESE TROOPS TO PORTUGUESE TIMOR ON AUSTRALIAN AIRCRAFT, WHITLAM SAID THIS PRACTICE HAD BEEN STOPPED SOME TIME AGO.
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